

filling them with a composition according to [any one of claim 18 to 39] claim 18 having the epoxy resin contained therein and heating to a temperature sufficient to melt the solder metal, coalesce the metals present, cure the epoxy resin and cause the via filling to adhere to the via walls.

In claim 50, line 6, change "any one of claims 18 to 39" to --claim 18--.

In claim 51, line 4, change "any one of claims 18 to 39" to --claim 18--.

In claim 52, line 4, change "any one of claims 18 to 39" to --claim 18--.

In claim 53, line 4, change "any one of claims 18 to 39" to --claim 18--.

In claim 54, line 5, change "any one of claims 18 to 39" to --claim 18--.

In claim 55, line 2, delete "any".

In claim 55, line 3, change "one of claims 1 to 39" to --claim 1--.

In claim 56, line 3, change "any one of claimed 40 to 46, 48 and 49" to --claim 40--.

Remarks

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, 13, 16, 18, 21, 22, 24-29, 31-35, 38, 40, 41, 43, and 45-56 have been amended to clarify certain claimed features, to correct claim dependencies, and to eliminate multiple dependencies. Regarding amended claim 40, Applicants submit that this is a proper independent claim which incorporates the definition of certain claim features from earlier claims. If the Examiner objects to this claim format, this claim can be amended to incorporate the full definition drawn from the earlier claims. Although amended claims 43, 46, and 49 refer to the composition of claim 18, Applicant submits that these claims are not multiple dependent claims. An Abstract of the Disclosure is also submitted.

Respectfully submitted,



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